

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 27-33 and 36-39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 33 and 39 have been amended. New claim 40 has been added to the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1

Claim 1 stands rejected for allegedly improper recitation of the term "comprising." The Applicants traverse this rejection. The Applicants respectfully submit that, even if, as the Examiner alleges, all relevant portions of the specification recite a coating *consisting of* an alloy with a low melting point, there is nothing logically inconsistent or otherwise improper in using the term "comprising" as used in the claims. In other words, if the coating consists of an alloy, such coating certainly comprises the alloy. Claims 2-5, 8, 27-33 and 36-39 are patentable for the same reason. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw this rejection.

Claim 33

Claim 33 has been amended to overcome the basis for rejection thereof. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome.

Rejection of Claims 1-5, 27-33 and 36-37 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) As Being Unpatentable Over Little In View of Shiotsuka

Claim 1

Claim 1, as amended, recites in pertinent part an electrically insulating optically transparent film, and an adhesive layer provided on one surface of said film, wherein said adhesive layer is not embedded in said film.

Referring, e.g., to FIG. 5B of the application, it can be seen that an adhesive 11 is provided on a planar surface of, but is in no manner embedded in, a film 10.

In contrast, and as acknowledged by the Examiner, the AR coating of Little (considered by the Examiner to be "adhesive layer") is embedded in the plate of Little (considered by the Examiner to be "film").

Shiotsuka fails to supply the teachings missing from Little, namely a film and an adhesive layer not embedded in the film.

Claims 2-5, 27-33 and 36-37

Claims 2-5, 27-33 and 36-37 are allowable at least due to their dependencies from claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 1-4, 27-29, 31, 33 and 36-38 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) As Being Unpatentable Over Nath In View of Ichinose

Claim 1

As is the case with the Little reference, Nath fails to teach or suggest a film and an adhesive layer not embedded in the film. Moreover, Ichinose fails to supply the teachings missing from Nath, namely a film and an adhesive layer not embedded in the film.

Claims 2-4, 27-29, 31, 33 and 36-38

Claims 2-4, 27-29, 31, 33 and 36-38 are allowable at least due to their dependencies from claim 1.

Claim 39

Claim 39, as amended, recites an adhesive layer provided on one surface of a film, and a plurality of substantially parallel, electrically conductive wires having lengthwise surfaces and embedded into the adhesive layer, said wires not embedded in said film, a part of the lengthwise surfaces of said wires protruding from the adhesive layer.

Referring, e.g., to FIGS. 5A and 5B of the application, it can be seen that the wires 5' have lengthwise surfaces (the top view of which is best seen in FIG. 5A) that protrude from the adhesive 11.

In contrast, and referring to FIGS. 1A and 1B of Little, the lengthwise surfaces of the wires 24 of Little are in no manner allowed to protrude from the encapsulant 25. That is, except perhaps at their ends, the wires 24 are completely enclosed by the encapsulant 25 and electrode 22.

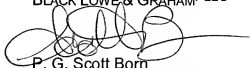
Moreover, Ichinose fails to supply the teachings missing from Nath.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants request a finding of allowability for all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. **If the Examiner does not agree with the Applicant's position that all pending claims are allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a telephonic discussion of the claims prior to issuing an Office Action.**

Respectfully submitted,

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